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EO 11652: NA TAGS: EFIN ID SUBJECT: CILACAP PETROLEUM REFINERY - POSSIBLE EXIM FINANCING

- 1. BANK INDONESIA OFFICIAL, HUTAGALUNG, HAS ASKED EMBASSY OF WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHETHER EXIM WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER FINANCING COST OVERRUNS RESULTING FROM CHANGE OF SCOPE WORL ON CILICAP REFINERY PROJECT. TOTAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT WOULD BE \$70-75 MILLION. BI WOULD HOPE EXIM MIGHT BE WILLING TAKE NORMAL 35-45 PERCENT SHARE IN PROJECT. SOME OF EQUIPMENT FOR PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN IMPORTED FROM U.S. AND HUTAGALUNG ASKED WHETHER EXIM FINANCING COULD COVER THIS PRIOR PROCUREMENT IN EVENT IT IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING. WE UNDERSTAND CITIBANK WOULD BE LEAD U.S. BANK OFFERING CREDIT FOR PROJECT. GOI MINISTRY OF FINANCE WOULD BE BORROWER.
- 2. CILACAP REFINERY CHANGE OF SCOPE AND COST OVERRUNS LOAN HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY GOI/PERTAMINA SINCE 1974-75 BUT BEFORE FINANCING PACKAGE APPLICATION COULD BE PUT TOGETHER, PERTAMINA CRISIS OCCURRED AND DELAYED FINALI-ZATION OF APPLICATION. POSSIBILITY OF EXIM COST OVERRUN FINANCING WAS EXPLORED WITH EXIM REPS DURING VISIT S TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDONESIA IN 1975 WHEN TEAM WENT TO CILAPCAP AND IN 1976. ON

THESE OCCASSIONS EXIM REPS INFORMALLY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SUCH FINANCING PROVIDED REQUIREMENT FOR ADDED FUNDS DID NOT ARISE FORM EITHER POOR MANGEMENT OR EFFECTS OF INFLATION. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT LOAN REQUIREMENT STEMS FOR MCERTAIN ENGINEERING PROBLEMS THAT AROSE DURING EARLIER CONSTRUCTION AND CHANGE OF SCOPE IN PLAT ITSELF.

3. CITIBANK JAKARTA BRANCH ADVISED EMBASSY THAT U.S.
COMMERCIAL BANKS WILLING TI SYNDICATE FINANCING WITH OR
WITHOUR EXIM PARTICIPATION BUT CLEARLY GOI SEES IT IN ITS
INTEREST TO EXPLORE EXIM PARTICIPATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW
OF EXIM PRIOR CREDIT NUMBER 4615. REQUEST EXIM VIEWS.
EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT ANY PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS
WOULD BE ON UNDERSTANDINGTHAT FINAL EXIM AGREEMENT TO THIS PROJECT
WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON SATISFACTORY CURRENT
CONSIDERATION RELATING TO INDONESIAN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND
DEBT QUESTION. (REF JAKARTA 10971).
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